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RURAL DISTRICT OF ROMNEY MARSH, KENT

# ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

# AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

# FOR THE YEAR 1959

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# ROMNEY MARSH RURAL DISTRICT, KENT

## Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector for the Year 1959

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1959.

### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 4530, which represents a decrease of 10 from that of the previous year.

### Live Births and Rate

The number of live births was 69 (39 M, 30 F), which was a decrease of two from that of the previous year and the crude birth rate was correspondingly 15.11; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution, the adjusted rate was 17.38 and was higher than that of 16.5 for England and Wales.

### Stillbirths and Rate

There were two sillbirths and the rate was accordingly 28.17, in comparison with that of 20.7 for England and Wales.

### Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

One infant death was registered due to the most common cause of infant deaths, i.e. Prematurity. (17 hours). The infantile mortality rate was accordingly 14.49 and being lower than that of 22.0 for England and Wales, compensates for the higher stillbirths rate, having regard to the fact that these peri-natal deaths have similar root causes. (It should, however, be kept in mind that the figures governing these rates are too small for valid statistical comparisons).

### Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil as there were no deaths due to Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion.

### Total Deaths and Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 52 (24 M, 28 F) and the crude death-rate was accordingly 11.48; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, the rate is reduced to 10.5 and was slightly lower than that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of death, as expected, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of these there were 23 deaths which constitute the natural causes of death amongst the aged, with exception of Coronary Thrombosis which claims many victims in middle-age when their responsibilities are at their highest; there were 9 deaths from Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart, the ages at death having ranged from 31 to 82 years, and predominating in males in the ratio of approximately 4 to 1. It is postulated that, as with Lung Cancer, excessive smoking may be a contributory cause.

Also as in previous years, Cancer was the second highest cause of deaths of which there were 11. The basic reason for this is late diagnosis, probably due to the combination of the insidious nature of the disease and of procrastination by patients, especially those in the older age-groups, in seeking medical advice.

Cancer of the Lung caused two deaths, each being male, the ages at death having been 55 and 64 years. The postulation that the inhalation of tobacco smoke, particularly in excess, over a number of years is a contributory or a primary cause of

Lung Cancer has weighty national statistical evidence to support its many advocates.

The other causes of death were heterogeneous and there was no unusual incidence.

There were no deaths from the endemic Infectious Diseases.

## Infectious Diseases

Throughout the year, the District was almost free from Infectious Diseases apart from a few cases of Measles and Scarlet Fever. No serious endemic infectious diseases were notified.

## Measles

Only sixteen cases were notified. Outbreaks occur usually every second year when a sufficient number of susceptible children has aggregated. Measles is primarily a disease of schoolchildren who take back the infection to their pre-school brothers and sisters. Infants should be shielded from infection as long as possible as its chief complication, namely, Broncho-pneumon may rapidly superpose. Other serious but rare complications are Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis.

Gamma globulin is available to provide passive immunity, from the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall and has been occasionally used to protect an exposed susceptible child who was suffering from some other serious illness.

## Scarlet Fever

Nine cases were notified and were associated with an outbreak which occurred in a primary school in New Romney Borough. All the staff and children of this School were swabbed and all those found to be nasal carriers were treated at home by their family Doctors. These measures were successful in terminating the outbreak.

In its present phase Scarlet Fever is a comparatively mild disease and and the majority of cases are treated at home. Occasionally more virulent strains are met, such as Type 12 which is capable of causing Acute Nephritis, but the serious complications of former years are seldom seen today.

## Tuberculosis

Three new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified in the older agegroups (see table). No new cases occurred in the adolescent age-group, which prior to 1950 contained the highest national notification rate. The level of immunity or resistance in this age-group has been increased by improved nutritional and environmental standards, and by the increasing number of B.C.G. vaccinations being given to school-leavers. Also open sources of infection are being rapidly reduced.

No new cases of Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis, which includes both the human and bovine types, were notified. The fact that only Designated Milks may be sold in the District should reduce the number of Bovine cases to minimal proportions.

Although there were two deaths, modern treatment is highly successful providing the disease has not become too advanced, and the number of open cases is being increasingly ascertained and reduced with the aid of the Mass Radiography Service and other improved Hospital Services.

To epitomize, the Public Health of the District may be regarded as having been satisfactory throughout the year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for your interest and support in the work of the Department and also the staff for their efficient co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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Tel: No: Ashford 1485

# STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOR 1959

Area:- 31,031 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

| | |
|---|---|
| The Resident Population ... ... ... | 4,530 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books ... ... ... | 1,876 |
| Rateable Value:- ... ... ... | £59,264 |
| Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:- ... ... ... | £.235 |

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## Social Conditions

Romney Marsh Rural District is essentially agricultural in charqcter and interests, but, as part of the boundary is formed by the sea with wide expanses of sand, there is considerable catering for the large numbers of holiday-makers and weekend trippers who are attracted to the district, and associated there are large holiday-camps and licensed caravan sites. There is negligible unemployment and social conditions are generally satisfactory.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | | Total | M. | F. | | Romney Marsh Rural District | England and Wales |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Live Births | 69 | 39 | 30 | Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population | 15.11 (Adjusted Rate 17.38) | 16.5 |
| | (a) Legitimate | 64 | 36 | 28 | | | |
| | (b) Illegitimate | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| 2. | Stillbirths | | | | | | |
| | (a) Legitimate | 2 | 2 | 0 | Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births | 28.17 | 20.7 |
| | (b) Illegitimate | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| 3. | Total live and still-births | 71 | 41 | 30 | | | |
| 4. | Deaths | 52 | 24 | 28 | Death rate per 1,000 resident population | 11.48 (Adjusted Rate 10.56) | 11.6 |
| 5. | Deaths from pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births | - | Not (Available) |
| 6. | Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 live births | 14.49 | 22.0 |
| | (a) Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births | 15.63 | |
| | (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births | - | |
| 7. | Deaths of Infants Under Four Weeks of Age | 1 | - | 1 | Rate per 1,000 live births | 14.49 | 15.8 |
| | (a) Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | | | |
| | (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |

8. Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 7.25%

9. Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 12
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) -
Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea 1
Deaths from Measles -

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The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

| | |
|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia ... ... ... | 5 |
| Measles ... ... ... ... ... | 16 |

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN ROMNEY MARSH RURAL DISTRICT

## DURING 1959

| ALL CAUSES | Males | Female |
|---|---|---|
| | 21 | 28 |
| 1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ... ... ... | | |
| 2. Tuberculosis, other ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 3. Syphilitic disease ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 4. Diphtheria ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 5. Whooping Cough ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 6. Meningococcal infections ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 8. Measles ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ... ... ... | 1 | - |
| 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| 11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... ... ... ... | 2 | - |
| 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ... ... ... | 4 | 4 |
| 15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 16. Diabetes ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ... ... ... | - | 2 |
| 18. Coronary disease, angina ... ... ... ... | 7 | 2 |
| 19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| 20. Other heart disease ... ... ... ... | 2 | 4 |
| 21. Other circulatory disease ... ... ... ... | - | 4 |
| 22. Influenza ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 23. Pneumonia ... ... ... ... | 2 | 3 |
| 24. Bronchitis ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system ... ... ... | - | - |
| 26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ... ... ... | 1 | - |
| 28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 31. Congenital malformations ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ... ... | 1 | 4 |
| 33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| 34. All other accidents ... ... ... ... | 1 | - |
| 35. Suicide ... ... ... ... | - | - |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war ... ... ... ... | - | - |

## TUBERCULOSIS

### New Cases and Mortality, 1959

| Age Periods | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | | Total Cases on Register | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 1 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 5 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 15 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 25 ... | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | | | | |
| 35 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 45 ... | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 55 ... | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | | | | |
| 65 and upwards | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | | | | |

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Diphtheria Immunisation, Whooping Cough Immunisation and Smallpox Vaccination figures for 1959

| Year of Birth | Diphtheria Immunisation | | Smallpox Vaccination | | Whooping-cough Immunisation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Primary | Reinforcing | Primary | Revaccination | Primary |
| 1959 | 12 | - | 17 | - | 20 |
| 1958 | 21 | - | 14 | - | 14 |
| 1957 | 4 | - | - | - | 3 |
| 1956 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 1955 | - | 5 | 1 | - | - |
| 1954 | - | 25 | 1 | - | - |
| 1953 | - | 8 | - | - | - |
| 1952 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1951 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1950 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1949 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1948 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1947 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1946 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1945 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Before 1945 | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | 38 | 38 | 35 | - | 38 |

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION 1959

The following table gives (A) the number of second injections and (B) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | 6 | 35 | 21 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 109 | 21 | 291 |
| (B) | - | 21 | 33 | 39 | 30 | 33 | 40 | 38 | 29 | 40 | 45 | 44 | 33 | 31 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 26 | 8 | 550 |
| BORN | 1959 | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 | 1947 | 1946 | 1945 | 1944 | 1943 | Before 1943 | Others | Total |

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1959

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1959, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1945).

| Year of Birth | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955 - 1959 | 1 | 9 | 25 | 20 | 19 | 54 | 56 | 44 | 40 | 46 | 49 | 53 | 51 | 36 | 12 | 515 |
| 1954 or earlier | 42 | 64 | 42 | 54 | 74 | 42 | 16 | 24 | 24 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 383 |

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### WATER SUPPLY

(A)

Examination of Water Supplies during the year

| | Bacteriological Examination | | | Chemical Examination | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of Samples | Satis-factory | Not Satis-factory | No. of Samples | Satis-factory | Not Satis-factory |
| Statutory supply undertakings | 2 | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Private sources piped to dwellings | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Other private sources | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... ... 25 approx.

Number of dwellings in the area ... ... 1,876

### FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

(a) the number of food premises in the area ... ... 139

(b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. ... ...

(i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... ... 28
(ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... ... -

(c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 22

(d) the method if disposal of condemned food - to Council's refuse tip

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bakehouses | ... ... | 7 |
| Butchers and meat products manufacturers | ... ... | 3 |
| Catering Establishment and Clubs | ... ... | 50 |
| Dairies | ... ... | 2 |
| Fish (including fried) | ... ... | Included above |
| Licenced Premises | ... ... | 2 |
| Slaughterhouses | ... ... | 2 |
| Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans | ... | 5 |
| All other Food Premises | ... ... | 43 |

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 6

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served ... ... 6

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD-PREPARING PREMISES

A. Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspection of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

One hundred per cent meat inspection is maintained at the small private slaughterhouses.

B. Observations on manufacture and sale of ice-cream in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1959.

All ice-cream sold in this district is manufactured by large concerns in main premises outside the district. No difficulties have arisen in the year.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

| | Samples | Grades | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Sold loose | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wrapped or Part Wrapped | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |

(ii) Milk and Dairies

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part 111)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part 111)

No. of registered distributors ... ... ... 13

No. of registered dairies ... ... ... None

(iii) Meat Inspection

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

| | Cattle Excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed | 44 | - | - | 13 | 293 | - |
| Number inspected | 44 | - | - | 13 | 293 | - |
| All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci | - | - | - | - | - | - |

| | Cattle Excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis only | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 1% | - |
| Cysticercosis | | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Number of Slaughter-houses in use

| Slaughter-houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority | Private Slaughter-houses Licensed | Private Slaughter-houses Operating | Bacon Factories | Knackers' Yards |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

| A. Houses demolished | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| In Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1957) | Houses Demolished | Displaced during year Persons | Displaced during year Families |
| (1) Houses unfit for human habitation | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Not in Clearance Areas | | | |
| (4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

| B. Unfit Houses Closed | Number | |
|---|---|---|
| (5) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 | 2 | Unofficial undertakings not to re-let. |
| (6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | |
| (7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | |

C. Unfit houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

| | By Owner | By Local Authority |
|---|---|---|
| (8) After informal action by local authority | 14 | Nil |
| (9) After formal notice under - | | |
| (a) Public Health Acts | Nil | Nil |
| (b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | Nil |
| (10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 | Nil | Nil |

D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

| Position at end of year | No. of houses (1) | Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2) |
|---|---|---|
| (11) Retained for temporary accommodation | Nil | Nil |
| (a) Under Section 48 | Nil | Nil |
| (b) Under Section 17(2) | Nil | Nil |
| (c) Under Section 46 | Nil | Nil |
| (12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53 | Nil | Nil |

| E. Purchase of Houses by agreement | No. of houses (1) | Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2) |
|---|---|---|
| (13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year. | Nil | Nil |

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS. GRANTS

Thirteen grants were applied for - total amount £8385.

Amount approved £3351

Generally the works of improvement have included bathroom, hot and cold water supplies, sinks, drainage systems, and the treatment of rising dampness.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs ... | 39 |
| Number of dwellings made fit ... | 18 |
| Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders) | 6 |
| Number of inspections of clearance areas ... | Nil |
| Number of inspections for general survey and assessment | Nil |

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants | 85 |
| Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants | 4 |

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair ... | Nil |
| Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects ... | Nil |

Housing (general)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections re housing applications ... | 12 |

Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Tents, Vans and Sheds ... | 29 |
| Aged and Infirm Persons ... | 3 |
| Vermin ... | Nil |
| Dirty Houses ... | 2 |
| Offensive accummulations ... | 3 |
| Offensive odours ... | Nil |
| Nuisance from Keeping of Animals ... | Nil |

| NOTICES SERVED | Informal | Formal |
|---|---|---|
| Public Health Acts | 15 | Nil |
| Housing Acts | Nil | Nil |

HOUSING

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Number of families on Council's waiting list | 84 |
| (ii) Number of Council houses built during the year | None |
| (iii) Number of Private houses built during the year | 8 |

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Names and Address of Holiday Camps and number accommodated in each:-

Beach Holiday Camp, Dymchurch. 900 plus staff (100 approx)

Golden Sands Holiday Camp, St. Mary's Bay. 350 plus staff (25 approx)

St. Mary's Bay Holiday Camp. 1,200 plus staff (120 approx)

CARAVAN SITES

Names and Addresses of Caravan Sites and number of Caravans on each site:-

Eastfleet Caravan Site, Dymchurch. 120 vans.

Pipers Caravan Site, Dymchurch. 450 vans and chalets.

Apps Caravan Site, St. Mary's Bay. 50 vans.

Total visits - all purposes - 29

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

1,341 (1,440)cesspools were emptied, comprising 2,407 (2,545) vehicular loads. (Figures in brackets 1958). Two free emptyings are made in each half year, thereafter a charge is made of £1. per emptying, except for trade premises which have no free service, and are charged at £1. per load.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Equipment - one Dennis 12 yard Barrier Loader. Staff - 1 Driver/Loader and two loaders (one seasonal only). Number of loads collected - 827 (781 in 1958). A weekly collection is made throughout the coastal area, and fortnightly through the remainder of the district, except certain isolated areas which are collected monthly. Trade refuse is collected at the rate of 6d. per bin.

The amount of refuse collected is increasing year by year, and the present vehicle and staff are working to maximum capacity. The fortnightly collection is not adequate and in my opinion should be increased as soon as possible to weekly. With the existing staff and vehicle it is not practicable to implement this, with further growth of the district and increasing volume of refuse it will be necessary within the next few years to consider the use of additional staff and machines.

Refuse and Cesspool Disposal

The crude tipping and burning at the two tips (Orgarswick and Brookland) on open land is not satisfactory, giving rise to nuisance from flies and smells. The advisability of securing suitably sited tips and the adoption of controlled tip procedure for refuse, and the establishment of separate sludge drying beds for cesspool contents, should be considered by the Council with a view to improving the present arrangements.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Inspections (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities | - | - | - | - |
| ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 10 | 17 | - | - |
| iii) Other premises in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | 6 | 3 | - | - |
| Total | 16 | 20 | - | - |

| Particulars | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Convenience | | | | | |
| (a) insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - |

| RODENT CONTROL | Type of Property | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Non-Agricultural | | | | |
| | Local Authority | Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) | All Other (including Business Premises) | Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3) | Agricultural |
| 1. Number of properties in Local Authorit's District | 10 | 1876 | 256 | 2142 | 2 |
| 2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:- | | | | | |
| (a) Notification | - | 31 | 17 | 48 | 7 |
| (b) Survey under the Act | 7 | 142 | 44 | 193 | 7 |
| (c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose) | 3 | 65 | 18 | 86 | 2 |
| 3 Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available | 33 | 422 | 119 | 574 | 26 |
| 4. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. 2) which were found to be infested by:- | | | | | |
| (a) Rats (Major | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| (Minor | 1 | 76 | 4 | 81 | 2 |
| (b) Mice (Major | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| (Minor | - | 2 | 1 | 3 | - |
| 5 Number of infested properties (in Sect. 4) treated by the L.A. (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. 4) | 3 | 84 | 7 | 94 | 3 |
| 6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available) | | Not known | | | |
| 7. Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act. | | | | | |
| (a) Treatment | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act | - | - | - | - | |
| 9. Legal Proceedings | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out | - | 3 | - | - | - |